

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	Atty. Docket No.:	004608.00003	
Trudeau <i>et al.</i>			
Serial No.:	09/994,088	Group Art Unit:	3733
Filed:	November 14, 2001	Examiner:	Pedro Philogene
For:	Method And Apparatus For Clamping Surgical Wires Or Cables	Confirmation No.:	8571

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006. The Office Action set a three month deadline for responding, making this paper due on or before **June 29, 2006**. A request for a two month extension is being submitted in conjunction with the response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment of fees to our Deposit Account No 19-0733. Please reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.